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From the Dean



As we approach the Spring and the freshness of a New Year, we look forward to both new horizons and new beginnings.

Further steps in our focus on agricultural medicine are in evidence with the recent dedication of the Stubb's Laboratory for poultry research. We have also cleared the paths for construction of the Mark W. Allam Dairy Cattle Teaching and Research facility and the Center for Animal Health and Productivity building, both at our New Bolton Center campus.

In April we will place a capstone on the most important and successful capital campaign ever attempted by the School, The Second Century Fund Campaign. The more than 40 million dollars provided through pledges, gifts and bequests will, in future years, provide the necessary fuel for the School's continued growth.

Our Strategic Planning Steering Committee will have completed the bulk of its important and time consuming task. Already we have begun the process of reshaping our mission to coincide with the future needs of the Commonwealth, nation and indeed, the world.

Coincidental with our efforts, the new provost of the University has initiated a comprehensive planning process, hopefully to be completed by the end of this academic year.

What is of particular interest to us as a School are the areas on which he has chosen to focus. The seven committees currently working on this plan are:

*Undergraduate education
Graduate education
Professional education*

Research

Academic information environment

Faculty development

International dimensions

All of these areas are critically important to our own planning process. While undergraduate education may normally be out of our realm, it certainly impacts our ability to recruit top quality students into our graduate and professional degree programs. The focuses on educational mission, research and international outreach blend well with our individual school needs. Critical to our future success is the ability to transfer, store and access all types of information. The focus on our libraries, computer networks and information exchanges will represent key elements in our school plan.

Finally, the focus on teaching excellence and quality development, a sorely needed program, will also assist us in deliberating our own organization and resources.

Pinioned as a gear between the support and guidance of the Pew National Veterinary Education Program and the influence of the provost's University-wide planning process, we at the School will reap benefits as we structure our own mission and strategic plan.

Despite our continued fiscal constraints, we are blessed with a supportive faculty and staff, understanding students and generous alumni and friends. Together we will continue to move toward financial and organizational stability while reshaping our direction for the future.

Edwin J. Andrews, V.M.D., Ph.D.

Second Century Fund Nears the \$40,000,000 Mark

The Second Century Fund continues to grow and is nearing the \$40,000,000 mark. Generous support given by our many friends over the past few months raised the total on January 15, 1989 to \$39,888,128!

Thank you everyone for making this past year a successful one at Penn. Since January 1, 1988, we added \$6,866,000 to the Second Century Fund! This is a wonderful tribute to all of our contributors and to the many volunteers — Alumni, Board of Overseers and other friends — who helped in the effort. The credit for our success is due to all of you — Thank you.

We have a number of individuals to acknowledge for their generosity: Loy Awkerman, V.M.D.; Mr. A. W. Berry; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cohen; Mr. Robert Coult; Mr. John Deuss; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Eggleston; Mr. Frank Ewing; Mrs. Philip Fell; Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Griffiths; Mr. Richard Hammond; Elinor B. Jenny, V.M.D.; Mr. Eberhardt LeSchin; J. D. McCullough, V.M.D.; Mrs. Gwynne McDevitt; Mr. & Mrs. Ellice McDonald, Jr.; Mr. Vincent Murphy; Mrs. Archibald Randolph; Mrs. Doris G. Rankin; Mr. & Mrs. Alan Robson; Mr. & Mrs. Hardie Scott; Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Schreiber; Mr. Steven Steinberg; Mrs. Mary Smith; Mrs. Laura Thorn; Mr. Oakleigh Thorne; Mrs. Ann F. Thorington; Mr. Alan Weiler; and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wolf. In addition, gifts were received from the Estates of David George Jones and Lady Constantine J. Sorsbie.

A number of foundations made important

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The Robert J. Kleberg, Jr. and Helen C. Kleberg Foundation made a significant contribution to support a post-doctoral training program in veterinary genetics. The \$431,164 grant over four years helps advance the School's leadership in this important area. (See accompanying article elsewhere in this issue).

Gifts from corporate contributors also added to the total: Hill's Pet Products; Howmedica; Kal Kan Foods; Lloyds of London Underwriters; Mellon Bank East; Merck & Company; Paraid; Henry Schein, Inc.; and, SmithKline Beckman Corporation.

Last, but certainly not least, a group of associations showed their support of our efforts: American Heart Association; American Livestock Association; American Quarter Horse Association;

Chester County Kennel Club; Del Valle Dog Club; Devon Dog Show Association; French Myopathy Association; Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey; Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association; Irish Setter Club of America; Muscular Dystrophy Association; North Western Connecticut Dog Club; Penn Treaty Kennel Club; Penn Jersey Cat Club; Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council; Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association; and, Princeton Small Animal Rescue League.

To all of these contributors, we express our appreciation and gratitude for their generous commitment to the School. We are into the home stretch of the campaign and prospects for a successful conclusion are in hand. With everyone's continued assistance we will cross the finish line with winning colors.

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